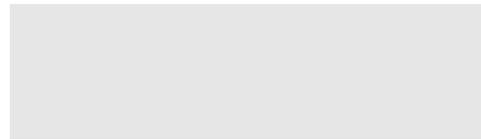


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Dates to Remember
MAY 2006

Monday	5/1	Valleybrook Neighborhood	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	5/9	Connections	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	5/10	Seniors Workshop	9:00 a.m.
Monday	5/15	NNI Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Monday	5/15	Candidate Forum	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	5/16	Greenhaven Neighborhood	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	5/16	Winnwood/Sunnybrook Board Meeting.	7:00 p.m.
Monday	5/22	Meet Your Councilperson	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	5/23	Vrooman Acres	7:00 p.m.

NORTHLAND NEIGHBORHOODS NEWS

*Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.
Tenth Anniversary
1996-2006*

Attention NNI Member Neighborhoods: Annual Meeting, election set for June 26 at Midwestern Baptist Seminary

Designated voters from NNI's more than 80 member neighborhood associations will gather June 26 to elect NNI Board members for the 2006-2007 year. NNI's Annual Meeting will be held at the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at North Oak and Vivion Road, starting at 6:30 p.m. As in past years, NNI will field a slate of candidates for five Board positions. Incumbent Board members standing for re-election are Misty Dawn Casey, Tom Schweitzer, John McNerney and Dan Fowler. One open seat is up for election. Only certified Member

neighborhood organizations are eligible to designate a voter for the annual election. The cut-off date for certification is May 13, 2006. (See article on member certification on page 5.)

NNI will conduct a Candidate Forum May 15 at 7 p.m. at the NNI offices at 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway. Persons interested in running for the open seat should contact Janet Shaffer at 454-2000 by May 13 to obtain an application for Board membership.

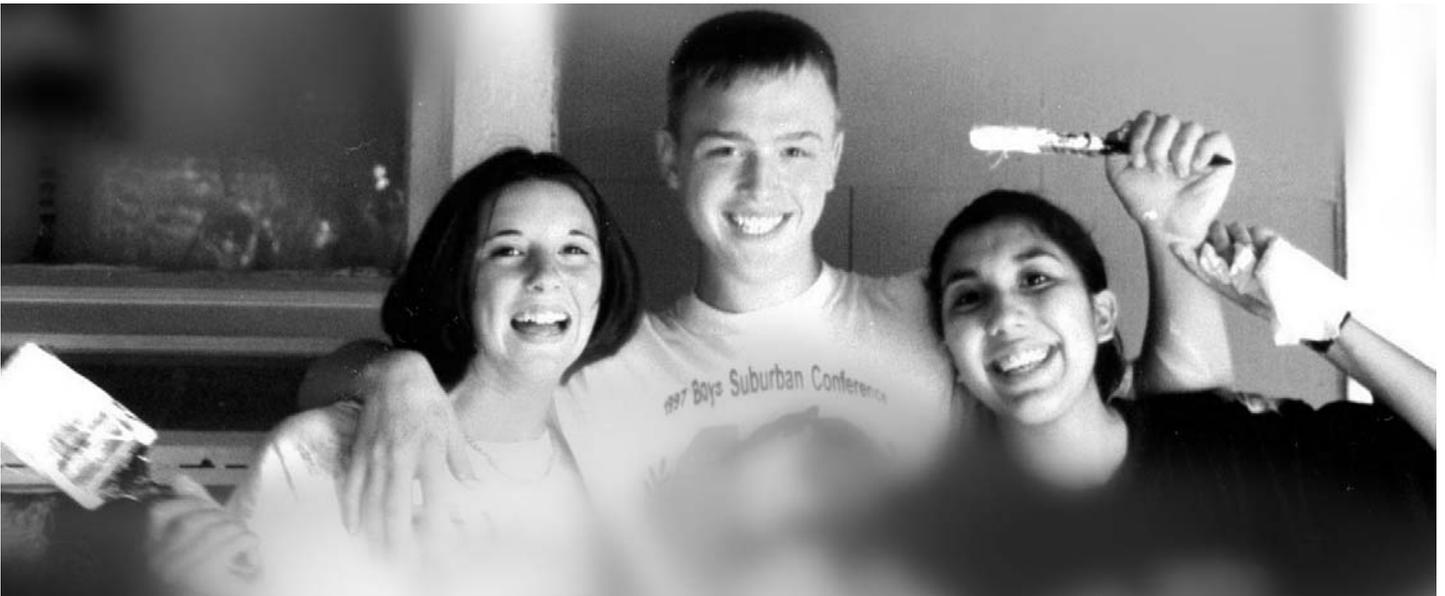
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Senior Apartments: Get 'em while they last!



Work on the Chaumiere Place Senior Apartment village continues at a rapid pace. Completion of the apartments in the former Eastwood School is now set for late May and completion of the patio homes (shown above) will occur in June. Applications for the spacious and affordable apartments are now available at NNI. Call Christy Harris at NNI, 454-2000 for information.



Your small gift will bring a big solution to the Northland.

If you have a home or business in the Northland, there's a good chance you, or someone you know has benefited from the work NNI does. NNI's programs and projects target the Northland. When you contribute, the impact is local. NNI leverages resources to make a small gift deliver a major result. Join those below who support NNI.

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Missouri's foster children, these concerned kids have attended political meetings, met with foster parents and conducted a letter writing campaign. As student Erin Reynolds said, they are letting Missouri legislators know "we care about this."



Brooke Henderson of Winnetonka High School dancing with her Grandfather, Glen Burton, at the Annual Tea Dance.

Among older youths, NKC High School continues its Cinderella's Closet, giving prom dresses to those short of money. Senior Girl Scouts Brandie Dodson and Brittany Stitt of Troop 1934 collect personal care items for domestic violence centers, and Winnetonka cheerleaders washed cars for Katrina aid. Liberty High School graduate Amber Baldwin has for over four years volunteered at the Martha Lafite Thompson Nature Sanctuary where she even looks after the snakes.

And, on April 2, students from NKC, Oak Park and Winnetonka High Schools held their annual Tea Dance for senior citizens, for which they were again taught ballroom dancing by volunteer instructors Will Adams and Paula Marie Daub. Winnetonka's gymnasium reverberated with golden oldies like Glen Miller's "In the Mood" and the Duke's "Mood Indigo" as mixed-age couples graced the floor. Cookies and punch were prepared in cooking classes, and music was provided by a deejay and by the NKCS D's terrific Honors Jazz Band. Amidst the vibrations of a 1930's Conga Line and a modern-day Line Dance, the generation gap simply vanished.

How nice to see that, from kindergarten to high school and beyond, our new generation continues their caring endeavors solely for "la joie de donner"! And while these great kids might not yet know the French, they do indeed know the feeling.

Neighborhood Champions shine at Town Hall Meeting

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. (NNI) hosted its third annual Town Hall Meeting April 26. The event, held at the Doolin Conference Center in the NKC Schools Administrative Complex, featured updates from City Council members and NNI executive director Jim Rice, and the Neighborhood Champion Awards. Rice used his time this year to thank the NNI Board and staff, volunteers, and the City Council members. "No community development organization in this city enjoys stronger or more consistent support from elected officials than does NNI," Rice said.

Winners of the 2006 Neighborhood Champion Awards:

Pearl Chamberlin, Crestview Neighborhood
Dan Clemens, Eastgate Middle School
Pat Estes, Old Maple Park Neighborhood
Sgt. Dan Graves and TOPS squad
Larry Houser, Maple Park Neighborhood

Bob Hurst, City Planning and Development
Jerry Nolte, Missouri State Representative
Agnes Pope, Cedar Ridge Homeowners
Dwight Sampson, Greenhaven Neighborhood
Terri Wolfe, Gracemor Neighborhood

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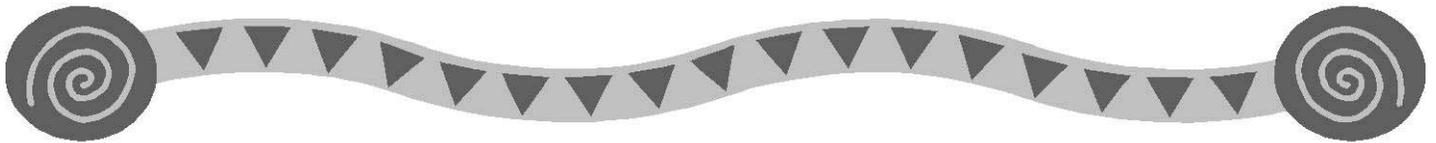
“We are preserving a significant house that is 75 years old. The interior must be converted for office use and brought up to modern codes and ADA standards. We want it to last another 75 years.”

—Jim Rice, NNI
Executive Director

The house was designed by prominent Kansas City architect Edward M. Fuller in 1930 and built in 1931 for Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dean. The architects must now determine the scope of work and how much the project will cost. Rice says while every effort will be made contain costs, the project won't be cheap.

“We are preserving a significant house that is 75 years old. The interior must be converted for office use and brought up to modern codes and ADA standards. We want it to last another 75 years,” Rice says. He also noted that a new meeting facility seating 100 people must be incorporated into the project as soon as additional funding can be identified. NNI will pay a monthly rent for the property since it is owned by the Parks and Recreation Department. The rent payments may be used to offset costs for renovation, the new meeting facility, and ongoing maintenance.

NNI expects to occupy the renovated facility in early 2007.



Some memorable moments from the 2006 Snake Saturday parade



Special thanks to
Jack Miller Jeep
and
Judy's Ice Cream and More

Member applications due by May 13 to ensure voter eligibility at June election

NNI bylaws require certification of its Member organizations. Certification is simple. The neighborhood organizations must hold regularly scheduled open meetings. They must submit a written application to NNI. They must be admitted to membership by a vote of the NNI Board of Directors. To obtain an application form, call Janet Shaffer, NNI's Community Development Coordinator, at 454-2000. Deadline for 2006 applications is May 13 in order for the NNI Board to approve them at its May 15 meeting. Listed below are current NNI Member organizations:

1. 40-46 North Neighborhood and Crime Watch
2. Amherst Neighborhood Association
3. Auburn Hills Homeowners Association
4. Barrington Ridge Homes Association
5. Barry Harbor/Hunter's Ridge Neighborhood Association
6. Beuhlmar Acres Neighborhood Association
7. Beverly Manor Neighborhood Association
8. Briarcliff Hills Neighborhood Association
9. Briarcliff West Homeowners Association
10. BridgePointe Homeowners Association
11. Brittany Oaks Homes Association
12. Brooke Ridge Homeowners Association
13. Carriage Commons (Townhomes)
14. Carriage Hill Estates Homeowners Association
15. Cedar Ridge Homeowners Association
16. Charleston Harbor Homes Association
17. Chaumiere Neighborhood Association
18. Chouteau Estates Neighborhood Association
19. Claybrook Homes Association
20. Claymont Homeowners Association
21. Claymont North Homeowners Association
22. Colonial Square Homes Association, Inc.
23. Cooley Highlands Neighborhood
24. Country Club Homeowners Association
25. Country Downs Homeowners Association
26. Coventry Homes Association
27. Coves North Homeowners Association
28. Crestview Neighborhood Association
29. Davidson Neighborhood Association
30. Dundee Hills Neighborhood Association
31. Embassy Park Homeowners Association
32. Essex Court Townhomes Association
33. Essex Place
34. Foxwoods Neighborhood Association
35. Gashland Heights Neighborhood Association
36. Golden Oaks Neighborhood Association
37. Gracemor Randolph Community Council
38. Green Meadows Neighborhood Association
39. Greenhaven Neighborhood Association
40. Grey Oaks Homes Association, Inc.
41. Highland Acres Neighborhood Association
42. Highland Park Neighborhood Association
43. Hills of Rockcreek Neighborhood Association
44. Hills of Walden Homes Association
45. Holiday Hills Neighborhood Association
46. Jefferson Highlands Neighborhood Association
47. Little Village Neighborhood Association
48. Maple Park Neighborhood Association
49. Maple Woods Estates Homeowners Association
50. Meadowlane Homes Association
51. Misty Woods Neighborhood Association
52. New Mark First Pool Homeowners Association
53. Northbrook Homes Association
54. North Star Neighborhood Association
55. Oak Hill Estates Association
56. Oak Park Manor Neighborhood Association
57. Old Maple Park Neighborhood Association
58. Park Hill Homeowners Association
59. Park Plaza Homes Association
60. Patterson Highlands Neighborhood Association
61. Pine Lake Homeowners Association
62. Prather Hills Neighborhood Association
63. Randolph Corners/Winchester Woods Neighborhood Association
64. Ravenwood Neighborhood Association
65. River Forest Neighborhood Association
66. Searcy Creek Neighborhood Association
67. South Oakwood Neighborhood Association
68. Stone Ridge Town Homes Association
69. Strathbury Woods Homeowners Association
70. Sunnyslope Hills Neighborhood Association
71. Sunpointe Neighborhood Association
72. Sunset Dixon Neighborhood Association
73. Sunset Hill Neighborhood Association
74. Tremont Manor Homeowners Association
75. Thistle Hill Homes Association
76. Valley Brook Homeowners Association
77. Vrooman Acres Neighborhood Association
78. Walnut Creek South Homes Association
79. Walnut Ridge Homes Association
80. Willow Brooke Homes Association
81. Willow Woods Homes Association
82. Willows Homes Association
83. Winnwood/Sunnybrook Neighborhood Association



Spotlight on Volunteerism

By Reta Jo Mitchell

The New Samaritans Come In All Sizes

“My heart beats fast and feels good when I help someone else.”
—Jacob, age 6

Seconding Jacob’s thoughts were several of his Meadowbrook Kindergarten classmates, who recently collected canned food for the Salvation Army. Dawson, Chaz, Jordan and Noah said they “like helping people.” Kyla, Gavin and Sam B. just felt good to help others get food. “Now they can have a good dinner,” explained Macenzy. Sam D. likes giving “stuff to kids that they may not have at home.” Summing up for teacher Kathy Johnston’s kids was Callahan: “I am happy inside because I gave to someone poor.”

Similar examples of caring abound among our new Samaritans. Ravenwood Elementary students gathered \$6,200 in personal items for Hurricane Katrina victims and 200 cans of soup for Harvesters. They donated \$150 to help Maplewood Elementary rebuild its burned playground equipment. Chapel Hill kids sent hundreds of comfort items like soap and shampoo to Katrina survivors while Line Creek Elementary amassed \$1,787 for those storm victims. Winnwood students raised \$1,094 in Katrina money with a unique drawing for

donated prizes like the windshield repair Taylor Fresquez solicited from her glass-expert dad. Many schools collected toys for kids in hurricane-ravaged Bogalusa, Louisiana, Davidson School principal Victoria Miles’ hometown.

Some youngsters act unilaterally, such as Maplewood 5th grader Abby Christensen who coordinated a fund drive for an Olathe, Kansas girl suffering from an inoperable tumor. At Topping Elementary, 4th grader Philip Best and 1st graders Christopher Esry and Baylee Gilliland regularly help classmates with their studies while 2nd grader Colton Long is a cheerful greeter at the front door.

Antioch Middle School collected for Hurricane victims and conducted their annual “Cents for Santa” drive wherein they shop for needy families’ Christmas gifts.

During the holiday season, Eastgate Middle students gave a “Gift of Reading” for which they collected 2,779 new and gently used children’s books. Some of the books found their way into the food bags for needy children called the BackSnack program, and others are now enjoyed by children served by City Union Mission.

St. Gabriel’s School 6th graders found a special way to “light a single candle” through the “That’s Not Fair” drive. To get medical care funding restored for

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Shall We Dance? A lively foxtrot draws many couples to the floor during the Annual Tea Dance.

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PIAC hearings scheduled for 2007-2008 capital projects

The Public Improvements Advisory Committee (PIAC), in cooperation with the Mayor and City Council, will hold citywide hearings in the north, midtown and south areas this coming August. The hearings are being held so that the Committee and Council can hear from citizens about the city's public improvement needs. The PIAC will use information gathered through the hearings to recommend projects for funding to the Council for Year Twenty-Four (Fiscal Year 2007-08) of the one-cent sales tax for public improvements.

In addition to coming to the hearings, citizens also can tell the PIAC about needed public improvements by completing a request form. These forms will be available at the hearings or are available from the Capital Improvements Program.

The hearings are scheduled for:

Friday, August 18, 2006
Committee Room
City Hall, 414 E. 12th St., 10th Floor
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 22, 2006
Northland Neighborhoods
5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 23, 2006
Hillcrest Community Center
10401 Hillcrest Road
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 24, 2006
The Gem Theatre
1616 E. 18th St.
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call Rose A. Rhodes at 513-1322.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLIPS

Connections: Speakers set for May and June meetings.

Bert Malone, Acting Deputy Director of the Kansas City Health Department will be on board for the May 9 Connections meeting. Malone will discuss public and personal health issues that arrive with the spring and summer seasons. Learn how to make the most of these fair weather seasons by avoiding health hazards.

On June 13, **Jean Ann Lawson**, Operations Manager, Office of the City Manager, will explain the new “311” system the City of Kansas City will launch in late 2006. This system will provide a single point of access for information on city services and programs. The system should also allow emergency agencies to focus on true emergencies.

Connections meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. at NNI. The meetings update neighborhood leaders on important issues and programs affecting neighborhoods, the city and the region.

May senior seminar is “for the birds”



If you are an avid birdwatcher, bird lover, or just enjoy watching and listening as the colorful, winged creatures cavort in the birdbath or backyard trees, come to the May 10 Senior seminar. Mark

McKellar from the Backyard Bird Center will enlighten the audience on local and regional birds and how to attract them to your backyard. The chirping begins at 9 a.m. at NNI, 5312 NE Chouteau Trafficway. Refreshments (and birdseed) will be served.



Richard Taylor checks the sign footing with a laser detector to ensure everything is on the level.

Hard work and cooperation bring neighborhood marker to Maple Park

The new Maple Park neighborhood sign nears completion. Located between North Bennington and North Fremont on 48th Street, the new all-brick sign hand-somely marks the 48th Street entrance to Maple Park. The construction was funded by the Maple Park Neighborhood Association (MPNA) and a Self Help grant from the Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance. When masonry work is completed, landscaping will be installed. According to Maple Park Neighborhood Association president Larry Houser, the project is “an excellent example of what can be done to recruit volunteers and encourage neighbors to work together for the improvement of their community.” More information about this project and MPNA may be found at www.maplepark.org.



Pictured in front of the sign are Jack and Jerry Dewey, Maple Park’s own bricklayer brothers.

New police station, academy campus taking shape despite funding challenges for road improvements

Two additions to the Kansas City Police Department's Northland presence are under construction on an expansive campus near Pleasant Valley Road and Shoal Creek Parkway. JE Dunn is constructing the new Shoal Creek Patrol Division headquarters and Kraus Anderson is building the Regional Police Academy.

Agnes that is much smaller than the new 100,000 square-foot facility and is poorly suited for training. However, the Academy has already slipped behind on its original completion schedule due to unexpected need for fill dirt, unacceptable soil conditions and a heavy concentration of rock on the site—glitches unforeseen by the City's Capital Improvements Management Office (CIMO).

a gymnasium, an indoor firing range, a situational building for recruit training, a 200-yard outdoor rifle range, a driving track, and administrative offices.

The key challenge ahead is financing improvements for Pleasant Valley Road and Shoal Creek Parkway. CIMO, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Northland Chamber of Commerce, the City Manager's Office and Council members Deb Hermann and Bill Skaggs have worked for several months to hammer out a funding plan. The Mayor and Council will have the final say on how to pay for these critical improvements.

“ We have taken many of the best concepts that have worked for other stations and incorporated them into Shoal Creek. ”
—Major Jan Zimmerman

When the academy is finally completed in spring 2007, the \$25 million facility will house a major auditorium, classrooms,

The Shoal Creek headquarters is slated for completion in fall, 2006. Shoal Creek is the Northland's second and newest patrol division. Temporary offices are located just south of NNI in the Antioch Shopping Center. Staffing for the new patrol division is well underway. The new \$10 million, 22,000 square-foot station will include amenities such as a private foyer for bail bonding, community meeting and training space, and a work-out facility. “We have taken many of the best concepts that have worked for other stations and incorporated them into Shoal Creek,” says Major Jan Zimmerman, Shoal Creek commander.

The new academy will replace a converted 1940s warehouse at 1328



This architect's rendering of the new Police Academy visualizes the massive campus at Pleasant Valley Road and Shoal Creek Parkway. The new Shoal Creek Patrol Division will also be located on the campus.

Focus on neighborhoods of the Northland:

Barry Harbor – Hunter’s Ridge

By Jan Ballard

An inviting, friendly neighborhood describes the northland community of Barry Harbor-Hunter’s Ridge. This established subdivision is conveniently located in Platte County, south of Barry Road at N. Marston Ave in close proximity to major highways, great health facilities, quality schools, variety shopping, and fine dining.

The original subdivision of Barry Harbor was established in July of 1979 along the southern shoreline of a small private lake. The lakeside picnic play area and walking path that now surrounds the lake give residents the opportunity to greet and gather with their neighbors.

In January of 2000, Hunter’s Ridge was developed south of Barry Harbor. New homes were also constructed along the north shore of the Barry Harbor lake. These combined adjacent communities function under one set of Covenants and Declarations that address the policies for 210 residential homes.

Barry Harbor-Hunter’s Ridge is governed by a board of seven elected members who strive to serve the commu-

nity’s needs and oversee established policies. The board meets monthly and hosts open neighborhood meetings quarterly. Resident involvement is encouraged on several committees that address architectural considerations, communications, grounds, and neighbor relations.

Each year the community is invited to participate in a neighborhood garage sale, family picnic, and golf tournament. Groups of neighbors often gather informally throughout the year for picnics, dinners, and fun get-togethers. Neighbors also volunteer to enhance the beauty of the subdivision through regular cleanup of community areas and annual tree trimming. This year Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. assisted with tree trimming by supplying necessary tools and supplies while the KCMO Parks and Recreation Department provided the expertise.

Barry Harbor-Hunter’s Ridge is a wonderful community in which to rear children, form rewarding friendships, and enjoy a relaxing environment amid the numerous amenities that the Northland has to offer.



Vintage Northland house to become new NNI headquarters



This stately Northland house at 701 NE Vivion Road is slated to become NNI's new home in early 2007. The 75-year old house is located in the Anita B. Gorman Park.

Like other Antioch Shopping Center tenants, NNI will soon face a decision: move or pitch a tent on what remains of the Center's parking lot when demolition begins sometime in late 2006 or early 2007. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department, NNI won't be looking for a tent. Instead, NNI will likely occupy a stately house at 701 NE Vivion Road, located within the Anita B. Gorman Park.

NNI executive director Jim Rice was first approached about the house by a Parks official in summer of 2005. Parks and Recreation wanted a productive and appropriate use for the property and NNI seemed a likely candidate. Mike Herron, head of the Parks and Recreation Department's North Region, felt the large, 2-story Tudor house was a prototype of neighborhoods and thus would fit NNI's image. Rice was intrigued by the idea and worked with the Parks staff over the next several weeks to determine if the project was feasible. Rice says the house had plusses and

minuses. "It had adequate space for offices, but not enough meeting spaces. It was structurally sound, but the interior needed major work. The park location was wonderful, but parking and access could be problematic."

After several discussions and extensive tours of the building, the parties decided the project was worth taking to the next step: approval by the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and the NNI Board of Directors. Those approvals were given in March 2006. With help from Council members Deb Hermann and Bill Skaggs, the City Council appropriated \$30,000 for architectural services. Architects will soon be selected to prepare design drawings and construction documents for renovation of the house. City Capital Improvement funds in the amount of \$200,000 were set aside for the renovation work.

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